स्थानीय श्रमिकों के रोजगार से राजसहायता को जोड़ने का प्रस्ताव

1502. श्री राम जेठमलानी : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योग स्थापित करने के उद्देश्य से राजसहायता को पूंजी निवेश से जोड़ने के बजाय इसे उद्योगों में स्थानीय श्रमिकों के रोजगार और स्थानीय रूप से उत्पादित कच्चे माल को उद्योगों में उपयोग से जोड़ने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह) : (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय निवेश राजसहायता योजना 1.10.1988 से समाप्त कर दी गई है । तथापि, वित्त मंत्री ने अपने बजट भाषण के दौरान घोषणा की कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में लघु उद्यमों के लिए केन्द्रीय निवेश राजसहायता योजना को पुनः शुरू करने का सरकार का प्रस्ताव है ।

Pesticides spraying by Vayudoot

1503. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 366 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Vayudoot is at present doing pesticide spray operations in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of staff and total annual outlay on these operations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the world is moving away both from pesticide use and its spraying; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether National Institute of Occupational Health/Indian Toxicology Research Centre have carried out any studies on general spraying; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two hundred and twenty-three staff are deployed on Agro-Aviation activities. The total budget provision for the purpose during 1989-90 is Rs. 2.69 crores.

(c) The thrust in the world including India is on need-based application of pesticides.

(d) Studies carried out by the National Institute of Occupational Health/Indian Toxicology Research Centre had made certain observations/recommendations. The recommendations have since been followed.

Use of Mercury in Soaps

1504. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that mercury is being added in soaps to help in whitening the colour of skin under the guise of medicinal products;

(b) if so, what are the names of such manufacturers in India and the trade names of the soaps; and

(c) whether Government are aware that such soaps are banned in many countries as these produce skin and other ailments and if so, what remedial steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No complaints have come to the notice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Based on the information that use of mercury compounds in cosmetics preparations is banned in many countries, Rule 145(D) under Part XIV of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 was inserted under Notification No. GSR 1074 dated 19-8-1978, prohibiting the use of mercury compounds in the manufacture of cosmetics.